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MANAGEMENT METHOD

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		U.S. Patent Application (Published Version) No. 2002/0035621 A1 (Published March 21, 2002); "XML-based language description for controlled devices"	

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BACKGROUND ART INFORMATION

TOSHIBA

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INVENTORS INFORMATION

★	PATENT NUMBER, PUBLICATION,	INVENTOR(S), AUTHOR(S)	DATE etc.	
米国特許出願公開公報 No. 2002/0035621 A1 (March 21, 2002) "XML-based language description for controlled devices"				
★	CONCISE EXPLANATION			
<p>本発明が適用される UPnP (Universal Plug and Play) 機器の仕様を 書かれていた。</p>				
★	米国特許 6,078,924 (June 20, 2000) "Method and apparatus for performing data collection, interpretation and analysis, in an information platform"			
★	多種多様な収集、分類し、表示する方法を述べる。1-13頁同一コンテンツの複数について述べられており、また、一旦、収集して保持すれば前記より、必要に応じて、再収集を行なうなどしている。			
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Background Art Information

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U.S. Patent Application (Published Version) No. 2002/0035621 A1
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*Concise Explanation

This application describes specifications for UPnP (Universal Plug and Play) devices, and the present invention is applied to the specifications.

U.S. Patent No. 6,078,924 (Date of Patent: June 20, 2000); "Method and apparatus for performing data collection, interpretation and analysis, in an information platform"

*Concise Explanation

This patent may describe the collection, classification and display of various kinds of data, but does not mention how to sort data or how to check identical contents. The premise of the patent lies in collection and retention of data, and the patent does not perform re-collection of data, as needed.

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